

## HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND AND HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a joint hearing on the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Harbor Maintenance Tax. Testimony was heard from Mike Strain, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### FAA AIR TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system.

### TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, February 2nd.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D27)

H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on January 31, 2012. (Public Law 112-91)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Human Rights Act of 2012", and an original bill entitled, "Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012", 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* To hold hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2012-2022, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* To hold hearings to examine innovations in college affordability, 10:20 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine S. 1739, to provide for the use and distribution of judgment funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, S. 356, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and S. 908, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Business meeting to consider S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Dennis J. Erby, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The State of the U.S. Economy", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled "Examining the Challenges Facing PBGC and Defined Benefit Pension Plans", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Collapse of MF Global: Part 2", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ahmadinejad's Tour of Tyrants and Iran's Agenda in the Western Hemisphere", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy Toward Post-Election Democratic Republic of Congo", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled "Contingent Fees and Conflicts of Interest in State AG Enforcement of Federal Law", 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Fast and Furious: Management Failures at the Department of Justice", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Future